

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number (if known) _____

Chapter you are filing under:

☒ Chapter 7

☐ Chapter 11

☐ Chapter 12

☐ Chapter 13

☐ Check if this an amended filing

Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, “Do you own a car,” the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Identify Yourself

About Debtor 1:

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

1. Your full name

Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's license or passport).

Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.

Shikara

First name

D

Middle name

Watford

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

First name

Middle name

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

2. All other names you have used in the last 8 years

Include your married or maiden names.

3. Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN)

xxx-xx-6270

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About Debtor 1:

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

4. Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years

☒ I have not used any business name or EINs.

☐ I have not used any business name or EINs.

Include trade names and *doing business as* names

Business name(s)

Business name(s)

EINs

EINs

5. Where you live

**923 Crane Dr Apt 402
DeKalb, IL 60115-2181**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

DeKalb

County

If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

County

If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

6. Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy

Check one:

☒ Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.

☐ I have another reason.
Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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Part 2: Tell the Court About Your Bankruptcy Case

7. **The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under** *Check one.* (For a brief description of each, see *Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)*). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.
- ☒ Chapter 7
- ☐ Chapter 11
- ☐ Chapter 12
- ☐ Chapter 13
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8. **How you will pay the fee** ☐ **I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition.** Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.
- ☒ **I need to pay the fee in installments.** If you choose this option, sign and attach the *Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form 103A).
- ☐ **I request that my fee be waived** (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out the *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 103B) and file it with your petition.
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9. **Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?** ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.
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| District | _____ | When | _____ | Case number | _____ |
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10. **Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?** ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.
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| Debtor | _____ | Relationship to you | _____ |
| District | _____ | When | _____ |
| Case number, if known | _____ | | |
| Debtor | _____ | Relationship to you | _____ |
| District | _____ | When | _____ |
| Case number, if known | _____ | | |
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11. **Do you rent your residence?** ☐ No. Go to line 12.
- ☒ Yes. Has your landlord obtained an eviction judgment against you?
- ☒ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Fill out *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You* (Form 101A) and file it with this bankruptcy petition.

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Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor

12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?

☒ No. Go to Part 4.

☐ Yes. Name and location of business

A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.

If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition.

Name of business, if any

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Check the appropriate box to describe your business:

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
- ☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
- ☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
- ☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
- ☐ None of the above

13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and are you a small business debtor?

For a definition of *small business debtor*, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. 1116(1)(B).

☒ No. I am not filing under Chapter 11.

☐ No. I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.

☐ Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11 and I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.

Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention

14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?

☒ No.

☐ Yes. What is the hazard?

If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed?

For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?

Where is the property?

Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

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Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling

15. Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

About Debtor 1:

You must check one:

- ☒ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.**

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you **MUST** file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

- ☐ **I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.**

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

- ☐ **I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:**

- ☐ **Incapacity.**
I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.
- ☐ **Disability.**
My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.
- ☐ **Active duty.**
I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

You must check one:

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

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- ☐ **Active duty.**
I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

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Part 6: Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes

16. What kind of debts do you have?	16a.	Are your debts primarily consumer debts? <i>Consumer debts</i> are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." <input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	16b.	Are your debts primarily business debts? <i>Business debts</i> are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment. <input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16c. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	16c.	State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts

17. Are you filing under Chapter 7?	<input type="checkbox"/> No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes.	I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18. I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available to distribute to unsecured creditors? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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18. How many Creditors do you estimate that you owe?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999	<input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000
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19. How much do you estimate your assets to be worth?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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20. How much do you estimate your liabilities to be?	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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Part 7: Sign Below**For you**

I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.

If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.

If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

/s/ Shikara D Watford**Shikara D Watford**

Signature of Debtor 1

Signature of Debtor 2

Executed on **April 9, 2018**

MM / DD / YYYY

Executed on

MM / DD / YYYY

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For your attorney, if you are represented by one

If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.

I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

/s/ Stephen A. Clark

Signature of Attorney for Debtor

Date

April 9, 2018

MM / DD / YYYY

Stephen A. Clark 6296092

Printed name

Stephen A. Clark, Attorney at Law

Firm name

PO Box 683

DeKalb, IL 60115-0683

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone **815-766-2160**

Email address

sc@clarkbklaw.com

6296092 IL

Bar number & State

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 **Shikara D Watford**
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2
 (Spouse if, filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

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☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 107

Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Give Details About Your Marital Status and Where You Lived Before

1. What is your current marital status?

- ☐ Married
☒ Not married

2. During the last 3 years, have you lived anywhere other than where you live now?

- ☐ No
☒ Yes. List all of the places you lived in the last 3 years. Do not include where you live now.

Debtor 1 Prior Address:

**2430 Williams Way
 DeKalb, IL 60115**

**Dates Debtor 1
 lived there**

From-To:
11/2001-9/2016

Debtor 2 Prior Address:

☐ Same as Debtor 1

**Dates Debtor 2
 lived there**

☐ Same as Debtor 1
 From-To:

3. Within the last 8 years, did you ever live with a spouse or legal equivalent in a community property state or territory? (Community property states and territories include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.)

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Make sure you fill out *Schedule H: Your Codebtors* (Official Form 106H).

Part 2 Explain the Sources of Your Income

4. Did you have any income from employment or from operating a business during this year or the two previous calendar years?

Fill in the total amount of income you received from all jobs and all businesses, including part-time activities. If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you receive together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

- ☐ No
☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

Debtor 1

Sources of income
 Check all that apply.

Gross income
 (before deductions and exclusions)

\$4,955.00

- ☒ Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips
☐ Operating a business

Debtor 2

Sources of income
 Check all that apply.

Gross income
 (before deductions and exclusions)

- ☐ Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips
☐ Operating a business

From January 1 of current year until the date you filed for bankruptcy:

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	Debtor 1		Debtor 2	
	Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)
For last calendar year: (January 1 to December 31, 2017)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$19,958.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	
For the calendar year before that: (January 1 to December 31, 2016)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$10,147.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	

5. Did you receive any other income during this year or the two previous calendar years?

Include income regardless of whether that income is taxable. Examples of *other income* are alimony; child support; Social Security, unemployment, and other public benefit payments; pensions; rental income; interest; dividends; money collected from lawsuits; royalties; and gambling and lottery winnings. If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you received together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

List each source and the gross income from each source separately. Do not include income that you listed in line 4.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Debtor 1		Debtor 2	
Sources of income Describe below.	Gross income from each source (before deductions and exclusions)	Sources of income Describe below.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)

Part 3: List Certain Payments You Made Before You Filed for Bankruptcy**6. Are either Debtor 1's or Debtor 2's debts primarily consumer debts?**

- ☐ No. **Neither Debtor 1 nor Debtor 2 has primarily consumer debts.** *Consumer debts* are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$6,425* or more?

- ☐ No. Go to line 7.
☐ Yes List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$6,425* or more in one or more payments and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

* Subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that for cases filed on or after the date of adjustment.

- ☒ Yes. **Debtor 1 or Debtor 2 or both have primarily consumer debts.**

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$600 or more?

- ☒ No. Go to line 7.
☐ Yes List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$600 or more and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

Creditor's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Was this payment for ...

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7. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make a payment on a debt you owed anyone who was an insider?**

Insiders include your relatives; any general partners; relatives of any general partners; partnerships of which you are a general partner; corporations of which you are an officer, director, person in control, or owner of 20% or more of their voting securities; and any managing agent, including one for a business you operate as a sole proprietor. 11 U.S.C. § 101. Include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony.

☒ No☐ Yes. List all payments to an insider.

Insider's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment
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8. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make any payments or transfer any property on account of a debt that benefited an insider?**

Include payments on debts guaranteed or cosigned by an insider.

☒ No☐ Yes. List all payments to an insider

Insider's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment Include creditor's name
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Part 4: Identify Legal Actions, Repossessions, and Foreclosures9. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were you a party in any lawsuit, court action, or administrative proceeding?**

List all such matters, including personal injury cases, small claims actions, divorces, collection suits, paternity actions, support or custody modifications, and contract disputes.

☐ No☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

Case title Case number	Nature of the case	Court or agency	Status of the case
Capital One Bank NA vs. Shikara Watford 2018-SC-000030	stated account contract claim	Circuit Court 23rd Judicial Circuit 133 W State St Sycamore, IL 60178	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> On appeal <input type="checkbox"/> Concluded status 4/18/18

10. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property repossessed, foreclosed, garnished, attached, seized, or levied?**

Check all that apply and fill in the details below.

☐ No. Go to line 11.☒ Yes. Fill in the information below.

Creditor Name and Address	Describe the Property Explain what happened	Date	Value of the property
City of Chicago Dept of Revenue, Bureau of Parking 121 N LaSalle St Rm 107A Chicago, IL 60602	wages <input type="checkbox"/> Property was repossessed. <input type="checkbox"/> Property was foreclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property was garnished. <input type="checkbox"/> Property was attached, seized or levied.	2017	\$920.16
Northern Illinois University Bursar Office 1425 W Lincoln Hwy DeKalb, IL 60115	wages <input type="checkbox"/> Property was repossessed. <input type="checkbox"/> Property was foreclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property was garnished. <input type="checkbox"/> Property was attached, seized or levied.	10/2017-11/2017	\$652.31

11. **Within 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did any creditor, including a bank or financial institution, set off any amounts from your**

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accounts or refuse to make a payment because you owed a debt?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Creditor Name and Address	Describe the action the creditor took	Date action was taken	Amount
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12. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property in the possession of an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a court-appointed receiver, a custodian, or another official?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

Part 5: List Certain Gifts and Contributions

13. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts with a total value of more than \$600 per person?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift.

Gifts with a total value of more than \$600 per person	Describe the gifts	Dates you gave the gifts	Value
Person to Whom You Gave the Gift and Address:			

14. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts or contributions with a total value of more than \$600 to any charity?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift or contribution.

Gifts or contributions to charities that total more than \$600 Charity's Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe what you contributed	Dates you contributed	Value
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Part 6: List Certain Losses

15. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy or since you filed for bankruptcy, did you lose anything because of theft, fire, other disaster, or gambling?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Describe the property you lost and how the loss occurred	Describe any insurance coverage for the loss Include the amount that insurance has paid. List pending insurance claims on line 33 of <i>Schedule A/B: Property</i> .	Date of your loss	Value of property lost
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Part 7: List Certain Payments or Transfers

16. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone you consulted about seeking bankruptcy or preparing a bankruptcy petition?

Include any attorneys, bankruptcy petition preparers, or credit counseling agencies for services required in your bankruptcy.

- ☐ No
☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Was Paid Address Email or website address Person Who Made the Payment, if Not You	Description and value of any property transferred	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment
Access Counseling Inc 633 W 5th St Ste 26001 Los Angeles, CA 90071 accesscounselinginc.org	credit counseling class	3/22/18	\$8.95

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Person Who Was Paid Address Email or website address Person Who Made the Payment, if Not You	Description and value of any property transferred	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment
Stephen A. Clark, Attorney at Law PO Box 683 DeKalb, IL 60115-0683 clarkbklaw.com	Attorney Fee \$667 credit report fee to CIN Legal \$33	4/4/18	\$700.00

17. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone who promised to help you deal with your creditors or to make payments to your creditors?
Do not include any payment or transfer that you listed on line 16.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Was Paid Address	Description and value of any property transferred	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment
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18. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you sell, trade, or otherwise transfer any property to anyone, other than property transferred in the ordinary course of your business or financial affairs?
Include both outright transfers and transfers made as security (such as the granting of a security interest or mortgage on your property). Do not include gifts and transfers that you have already listed on this statement.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Received Transfer Address	Description and value of property transferred	Describe any property or payments received or debts paid in exchange	Date transfer was made
Person's relationship to you			

19. Within 10 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you transfer any property to a self-settled trust or similar device of which you are a beneficiary? (These are often called *asset-protection devices*.)

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of trust	Description and value of the property transferred	Date Transfer was made
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Part 8: List of Certain Financial Accounts, Instruments, Safe Deposit Boxes, and Storage Units

20. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were any financial accounts or instruments held in your name, or for your benefit, closed, sold, moved, or transferred?
Include checking, savings, money market, or other financial accounts; certificates of deposit; shares in banks, credit unions, brokerage houses, pension funds, cooperatives, associations, and other financial institutions.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Financial Institution and Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Last 4 digits of account number	Type of account or instrument	Date account was closed, sold, moved, or transferred	Last balance before closing or transfer
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21. Do you now have, or did you have within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, any safe deposit box or other depository for securities, cash, or other valuables?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Financial Institution Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else had access to it? Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?
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22. Have you stored property in a storage unit or place other than your home within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Storage Facility Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else has or had access to it? Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?
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Part 9: Identify Property You Hold or Control for Someone Else

23. Do you hold or control any property that someone else owns? Include any property you borrowed from, are storing for, or hold in trust for someone.

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Owner's Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Where is the property? (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the property	Value
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Part 10: Give Details About Environmental Information

For the purpose of Part 10, the following definitions apply:

- ☐ **Environmental law** means any federal, state, or local statute or regulation concerning pollution, contamination, releases of hazardous or toxic substances, wastes, or material into the air, land, soil, surface water, groundwater, or other medium, including statutes or regulations controlling the cleanup of these substances, wastes, or material.
- ☐ **Site** means any location, facility, or property as defined under any environmental law, whether you now own, operate, or utilize it or used to own, operate, or utilize it, including disposal sites.
- ☐ **Hazardous material** means anything an environmental law defines as a hazardous waste, hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous material, pollutant, contaminant, or similar term.

Report all notices, releases, and proceedings that you know about, regardless of when they occurred.

24. Has any governmental unit notified you that you may be liable or potentially liable under or in violation of an environmental law?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of site Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Governmental unit Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Environmental law, if you know it	Date of notice
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25. Have you notified any governmental unit of any release of hazardous material?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of site Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Governmental unit Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Environmental law, if you know it	Date of notice
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26. Have you been a party in any judicial or administrative proceeding under any environmental law? Include settlements and orders.

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Case Title Case Number	Court or agency Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Nature of the case	Status of the case
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Part 11: Give Details About Your Business or Connections to Any Business

27. Within 4 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you own a business or have any of the following connections to any business?

- ☐ A sole proprietor or self-employed in a trade, profession, or other activity, either full-time or part-time
- ☐ A member of a limited liability company (LLC) or limited liability partnership (LLP)

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- ☐ A partner in a partnership
- ☐ An officer, director, or managing executive of a corporation
- ☐ An owner of at least 5% of the voting or equity securities of a corporation

☒ No. None of the above applies. Go to Part 12.

☐ Yes. Check all that apply above and fill in the details below for each business.

Business Name

Address

(Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Describe the nature of the business

Name of accountant or bookkeeper

Employer Identification number

Do not include Social Security number or ITIN.

Dates business existed

28. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give a financial statement to anyone about your business? Include all financial institutions, creditors, or other parties.

☒ No

☐ Yes. Fill in the details below.

Name

Address

(Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Date Issued

Part 12: Sign Below

I have read the answers on this *Statement of Financial Affairs* and any attachments, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the answers are true and correct. I understand that making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

/s/ Shikara D Watford

Shikara D Watford

Signature of Debtor 1

Signature of Debtor 2

Date April 9, 2018

Date

Did you attach additional pages to *Your Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 107)?

☒ No

☐ Yes

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Name of Person _____. Attach the *Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature* (Official Form 119).

Fill in this information to identify your case:

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First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2
(Spouse if, filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

Case number
(if known)

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 108 Statement of Intention for Individuals Filing Under Chapter 7

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If you are an individual filing under chapter 7, you must fill out this form if:

- ☒ creditors have claims secured by your property, or
- ☒ you have leased personal property and the lease has not expired.

You must file this form with the court within 30 days after you file your bankruptcy petition or by the date set for the meeting of creditors, whichever is earlier, unless the court extends the time for cause. You must also send copies to the creditors and lessors you list on the form

If two married people are filing together in a joint case, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Both debtors must sign and date the form.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

Part 1: List Your Creditors Who Have Secured Claims

1. For any creditors that you listed in Part 1 of Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property (Official Form 106D), fill in the information below.

Identify the creditor and the property that is collateral	What do you intend to do with the property that secures a debt?	Did you claim the property as exempt on Schedule C?
Creditor's name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Surrender the property.	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Description of property securing debt:	<input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and redeem it.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and enter into a <i>Reaffirmation Agreement</i> .	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and [explain]:	
Creditor's name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Surrender the property.	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Description of property securing debt:	<input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and redeem it.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and enter into a <i>Reaffirmation Agreement</i> .	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and [explain]:	
Creditor's name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Surrender the property.	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Description of property securing debt:	<input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and redeem it.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and enter into a <i>Reaffirmation Agreement</i> .	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and [explain]:	
Creditor's name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Surrender the property.	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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Case number (if known)

name:

Description of
property
securing debt:

- ☐ Retain the property and redeem it.
☐ Retain the property and enter into a
Reaffirmation Agreement.
☐ Retain the property and [explain]:

☐ Yes

Part 2: List Your Unexpired Personal Property Leases

For any unexpired personal property lease that you listed in Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases (Official Form 106G), fill in the information below. Do not list real estate leases. Unexpired leases are leases that are still in effect; the lease period has not yet ended. You may assume an unexpired personal property lease if the trustee does not assume it. 11 U.S.C. § 365(p)(2).

Describe your unexpired personal property leases

Will the lease be assumed?

Lessor's name:

Description of leased
Property:

☐ No

☐ Yes

Lessor's name:

Description of leased
Property:

☐ No

☐ Yes

Lessor's name:

Description of leased
Property:

☐ No

☐ Yes

Lessor's name:

Description of leased
Property:

☐ No

☐ Yes

Lessor's name:

Description of leased
Property:

☐ No

☐ Yes

Lessor's name:

Description of leased
Property:

☐ No

☐ Yes

Lessor's name:

Description of leased
Property:

☐ No

☐ Yes

Part 3: Sign Below

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have indicated my intention about any property of my estate that secures a debt and any personal property that is subject to an unexpired lease.

X /s/ Shikara D Watford

Shikara D Watford

Signature of Debtor 1

X

Signature of Debtor 2

Date April 9, 2018

Date _____

Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

This notice is for you if:

You are an individual filing for bankruptcy,
and

Your debts are primarily consumer debts.
Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C.
§ 101(8) as "incurred by an individual
primarily for a personal, family, or
household purpose."

The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under
one of four different chapters of Bankruptcy Code:

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

Chapter 11 - Reorganization

Chapter 12 - Voluntary repayment plan
for family farmers or
fishermen

Chapter 13 - Voluntary repayment plan
for individuals with regular
income

**You should have an attorney review your
decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of
chapter.**

Chapter 7: Liquidation

\$245 filing fee

\$75 administrative fee

+ \$15 trustee surcharge

\$335 total fee

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial difficulty preventing them from paying their debts and who are willing to allow their nonexempt property to be used to pay their creditors. The primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist for particular debts, and liens on property may still be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and you receive a discharge, some debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible to pay:

most taxes;

most student loans;

domestic support and property settlement obligations;

most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

fraud or theft;

fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;

intentional injuries that you inflicted; and

death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A-1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form—the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2). The calculations on the form—sometimes called the *Means Test*—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

Chapter 11: Reorganization

	\$1,167	filing fee
+	\$550	administrative fee
	\$1,717	total fee

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.

Read These Important Warnings

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

	\$200	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$275	total fee

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income

	\$235	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$310	total fee

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

domestic support obligations,

most student loans,

certain taxes,

debts for fraud or theft,

debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,

most criminal fines and restitution obligations,

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,

certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and

certain long-term secured debts.

Warning: File Your Forms on Time

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to:
http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_forms.html#procedure.

Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences

If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Make sure the court has your mailing address

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days **before** you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from:
http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc_approved.html

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to:
<http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/Bankruptcy/BankruptcyResources/ApprovedCreditAndDebtCounselors.aspx>.

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list.

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois

In re **Shikara D Watford**

Debtor(s)

Case No.

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DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:
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|-------------------------------------------------------------|----|---------------|
| For legal services, I have agreed to accept | \$ | 667.00 |
| Prior to the filing of this statement I have received | \$ | 667.00 |
| Balance Due | \$ | 0.00 |
2. The source of the compensation paid to me was:
- ☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):
3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:
- ☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):
4. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.
- ☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.
5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:
- a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
- b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
- c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- d. [Other provisions as needed]
- Negotiations with secured creditors to reduce to market value; exemption planning; preparation and filing of reaffirmation agreements and applications as needed; preparation and filing of motions pursuant to 11 USC 522(f)(2)(A) for avoidance of liens on household goods.**
6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:
- Representation of the debtors in any dischargeability actions, judicial lien avoidances, relief from stay actions or any other adversary proceeding.**

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

April 9, 2018

Date

/s/ Stephen A. Clark

Stephen A. Clark 6296092

Signature of Attorney

Stephen A. Clark, Attorney at Law

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Name of law firm

RETAINER AGREEMENT

THIS RETAINER AGREEMENT IS MADE BY AND BETWEEN

Stephen A. Clark, Attorney at Law (815) 766-2160
P.O. Box 683
DeKalb, IL 60115-0683
E-mail: sc@clarkbklaw.com

(Hereinafter referred to as "**Attorney**," and;)

Shikara D. Watford
923 Crane Dr., Apt. 402
DeKalb, IL 60115-2181

(Hereinafter referred to as "**Client**.")

Collectively, Attorney and Client are hereinafter referred to as the "**Parties**."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Attorney has expertise in the representation of clients in bankruptcy matters and associated proceedings related thereto; and

WHEREAS, Client require the filing of a personal bankruptcy petition; and

WHEREAS, Client desires to retain Attorney to represent him/her with respect to Client's personal bankruptcy matters and to provide such services as an independent contractor, and Attorney is agreeable to such a relationship and/or arrangement, and the Parties desire a written document formalizing and defining their relationship and evidencing the terms of their agreement; and

THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, it is agreed as follows:

1. **Appointment:** Client hereby appoints Attorney as his/her counsel and hereby retains and employs Attorney upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

2. **Engagement:** Attorney hereby accepts said Retainer Agreement and agrees to represent Client upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

3. **Authority and Description of Services:** During the term of this Agreement Attorney shall provide such professional services and advice in connection with such matters as are specifically requested by Client, or as in the professional judgment of Attorney are reasonably necessary.

a. **Scope of Representation:** Attorney has been engaged to represent Client or the purpose specific description of work to be done on the specific case or matter. Client represents that he/she do(es) not know of any related legal matters that would require our legal services under this agreement. If such matters arise later, you agree that this agreement does not apply to any related legal matter. Therefore, a separate engagement agreement for provision of services and payment for those services will be required if you wish to engage our law firm to perform legal services pertaining to such matters.

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b. Limited Scope of Representation: The scope of our representation does not include advice or services regarding accounting, tax, personal financial matters or business management, and related non-legal matters and advice. If you wish for us to consult with other professionals retained by you regarding this matter, we will communicate with you in writing to confirm the scope of such consultations prior to initiating same. The scope of our representation does not include title searches, surveys, inspections, and other non-legal work relating to real estate. You may wish to engage a title insurance company, abstractor, surveyor, or other licensed professional to provide you with these services.

4. Term of Agreement: This Agreement shall become effective upon execution hereof and shall continue thereafter and remain in effect until the resolution of the case, or until the earlier termination by one of the Parties as provided herein.

5. Advance Payment Retainer:

a. Attorney shall not be obligated to provide the services described herein until an advance payment retainer in the amount of **\$700.00** is received before 9 April 2018.

b. The retainer to be paid under this Agreement is called an advance payment retainer. An advance payment retainer becomes the property of the attorney upon receipt. An advance payment retainer is not deposited in the attorney's trust account but is deposited in the attorney's general account. Services provided by Attorney and costs and expenses incurred in the defense of the case will be charged against the retainer as they are performed or incurred, or as otherwise set forth in this Agreement. On a periodic basis Attorney will render bills to Client showing the amount drawn against the retainer for services rendered and costs and expenses incurred. At the conclusion of the case or earlier termination of this Agreement any surplus of the retainer remaining will be refunded to Client. Attorney has chosen an advance payment retainer in this agreement because Client is a defendant or potentially a defendant in numerous pending and potential lawsuits and in the entry of an adverse judgment, the balance of the retainer would otherwise be subject to the remedies for collection available to the plaintiff.

c. Another type of retainer is called a security retainer. A security retainer remains the property of the client and is required to be deposited in the attorney's trust account. On a periodic basis the attorney renders bills to the client showing the amount due for services rendered and costs and expenses incurred. In the absence of an objection from the client the attorney may draw against the security retainer. At the conclusion of the case or earlier termination of the Attorney-Client relationship, the amount of the security retainer remaining in the trust account will be refunded to the client.

d. Client has the option to decline to pay an advanced payment retainer and insist upon the use of a security retainer. In that event, however, Attorney retains the right to decline the representation of Client and in that case this Agreement shall be immediately terminated and neither of the Parties shall have any further rights against or obligations to the other.

e. Attorney shall provide Client with basic services in connection with Client's Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Basic services include, but are not limited to (1) Review and analyze Client's financial circumstances based on information provided by Client; (2) If possible and to the extent possible, based on the information provided by Client, advise Client of the Client's pre-filing options, including but not limited to bankruptcy options. (3) Inform Client what information Client needs to provide Attorney in order to allow Attorney to provide appropriate advice and option information, in the event such information Client provided is insufficient. (4) Advise Client of the appropriate requirements in connection with the filing of a Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 bankruptcy, including the

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duties of Client connected with such filing. (5) Preparation and filing of the petition, schedules and statements. (6) Assuming that a U.S. Bankruptcy proceeding is filed, Attorney services will include all typical Attorney participation required in such proceeding, including but not limited to, appearances at Court hearings, representation at the meeting of creditors, preparation of legal memoranda, communication with opposing counsel and parties, and submitting information pursuant to requests from the trustee, and other routine services not specifically stated. (7) Take creditor calls both pre-filing and post-filing. (8) If Client's proceeding requires additional, but not customary work, Attorney will inform Client directly, and enter into a separate written contract for such services to fully apprise Client of the fees, payment requirements, and expected services to be provided.

f. Parties agree that the following matters are not included within the scope of this Retainer Agreement. Client agrees that, as to the matters listed below, the Attorney will not take action for Client, without a separate Retainer Agreement and payment of an additional advance payment retainer. (1) Motions to Revoke a Discharge. (2) Removal of a pending action in another court. (3) Obtaining title reports. (4) The determination of real estate or tax liens. (5) Appeals to Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, District Court, or Court of Appeals. (6) Correcting credit reports. (7) Negotiations with Check Systems regarding Client. (8) Any adversary proceeding filed by the local panel interim trustee, U.S. Trustee, or any other party on any basis, including, without limitations, proceedings to determine dischargability of debts, such as those proceedings filed under 11 U.S.C. §§ 523 and 727. (9) Redemption and replacement loan review and motions, and related work pursuant to §722. (10) Client agrees that preparation of amendments to schedules incurring a court filing fee and delays caused by Client's failure to appear at the Meeting of Creditors are also non-basic services.

6. Duties of Client: The duties of Client are as follows:

- a. Client shall supply Attorney on a regular and timely basis with all information and documents relevant to the issues in the case, or requested by Attorney, or responsive to any discovery initiated in the case.
- b. Client shall be responsible for advising Attorney of any information or documents that would affect the accuracy of any prior information given to Attorney.
- c. Client shall make herself/himself available for a deposition or examination in the case, if requested.
- d. Client shall assist in any negotiations for settlement of the case.
- e. Because Attorney shall rely on such information to be supplied by Client, all such information shall be true, accurate, complete, and not misleading, in all respects.
- f. Client shall keep herself/himself advised of the progress of the case and shall act diligently and promptly in reviewing materials submitted to her/him by Attorney and shall inform Attorney of any inaccuracies contained therein or objections thereto within a reasonable time so as to enable Attorney to make any corrections.
- g. Client shall otherwise cooperate fully and timely with Attorney to enable Attorney to perform its duties and obligations under this Agreement.

7. Compensation, Billing, and Payment: Attorney shall be compensated for services hereunder at the rate of \$245.00 per hour for pre-bankruptcy services to Client. If a Chapter 7 bankruptcy is filed for Client, Attorney shall be paid a flat fee of **\$667.00** for services rendered in connection therewith. In addition to the above amounts, Attorney shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary costs (including \$335.00 case filing fee or Client will pay filing fee in installments directly to the Clerk of the Court or apply for a waiver of the filing fee) and expenses (including **\$33.00** credit report fee and \$17.00 property value report, if necessary) advanced on behalf

of Client. On a quarterly basis, or more frequently in the discretion of Attorney, Attorney shall render bills to Client showing the amount earned against the amount of any remaining retainer with the balance due and payable by Client within thirty (30) days of the date of the bill. Any amount remaining unpaid after thirty (30) days shall bear simple interest at a rate of eighteen (18%) per annum. Attorney has a policy that in the event a payment is not made on the date due, then in that event work may be suspended, without notice, until such a time as arrangements have been made for payment.

8. Termination of Agreement: This Agreement may be terminated by either party prior to the conclusion of the case by written notice to the other. It is specifically agreed that in the event the Client fails or refuses to cooperate with Attorney or fails or refuses to make timely payment of the compensation set forth in this agreement, Attorney shall have the right to suspend any further performance under this agreement until such time as payment is made, or upon notice to Client, terminate this Agreement and withdraw from the case. In such event all compensation shall become immediately due and payable. This agreement will be terminated 30-days after the closure or dismissal of any Bankruptcy Case filed on the Client's behalf.

9. Notices: Notice hereunder may be written or oral and if written, shall be addressed to the party at the address shown above or at such address as the party may designate and may be given in person or by first class mail, postage prepaid, facsimile, or email. Notice in person, by facsimile, or by email shall be effective immediately. Notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, shall be effective three (3) days after mailing.

10. Default: In the event Client fails to pay any amount due to Attorney hereunder, Attorney shall be entitled in any action brought to enforce this Agreement to recover all costs and expenses incurred, including reasonable attorney fees.

11. Return or Records: Upon termination of this Agreement, Attorney, shall make available to Client all items that are in the control of Attorney that are property of or relate to the case, except that the Attorney may retain copies of anything returned to Client. At the conclusion of this matter, Attorney will retain your legal files for a period of 7 years after we close our file. At the expiration of the 7-year period, we will destroy these files unless you notify us in writing that you wish to take possession of them. We reserve the right to charge administrative fees and costs associated with researching, retrieving, copying and delivering such files.

12. Disclaimer by Attorney: Attorney makes no representation to Client or others with respect to the results to be achieved in the case.

13. Ownership of Materials: All right, title, and interest in and to materials to be produced by Attorney in connection with this Agreement and other services to be rendered under said Agreement shall be and remain the sole and exclusive property of Attorney, except in the event Client performs fully and timely its obligations hereunder Client shall be entitled to receive, upon request, one copy of all such materials, and shall be entitled to the non-exclusive rights to use all such materials.

14. Miscellaneous:

a. Time is hereby made of the essence of this Agreement with respect to the performance by the parties of their respective obligations hereunder.

b. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties. It is declared by the Parties that there are no other oral or written agreements or understanding between them affecting this Agreement or relating to the business of Attorney. This Agreement supersedes all previous agreements between Attorney and Client. Client has the right to have this engagement agreement reviewed by another law firm prior to signing it. Likewise, Client

has the right to review this engagement agreement outside the presence of this law firm and away from the law firm's office prior to signing it. Client understands that Attorney is not retained until the signed original engagement agreement is returned to the law firm, including the corresponding retainer.

c. This Agreement may be modified or amended provided such modifications or amendments are mutually agreed upon by the Parties and that said modifications or amendments are made only by an instrument in writing signed by the Parties or an oral agreement to the extent that the parties carry it out.

d. The failure of either party, at any time to require such performance by any other party shall not be constructed as a waiver of such right to require such performance, and shall in no way affect such party's right to require such performance and shall in no way affect such party's right subsequently to require a full performance hereunder.

e. THIS AGREEMENT IS EXECUTED PURSUANT TO AND SHALL BE INTERPRETED AND GOVERNED FOR ALL PURPOSES BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. ANY ACTION BROUGHT UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE BROUGHT IN AND ONLY IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND THE PARTIES WAIVE ANY OBJECTION TO JURISDICTION OR VENUE IN SUCH COURT.

f. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be contrary to law, void, invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such provision shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall continue to be valid and enforceable. If a Court finds that any provision of this Agreement is contrary to law, void, invalid or unenforceable and that by limiting such provision it would become valid and enforceable, then such provision shall be deemed to be written, construed, and enforced as so limited.

g. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, notwithstanding the date or dates upon which this Agreement is executed and delivered by any of the parties, and shall be deemed to be an original and all of which shall constitute one agreement effective as of the reference date first written below. An executed faxed copy of this Agreement shall be construed by all parties hereto as an original version of the Agreement.

h. CO-COUNSEL: Client authorizes Attorney to hire co-counsel or independent attorneys as needed, at Attorney's expense, to work on this matter and divide fees with them on the basis of work and responsibility. Client authorizes Attorney, at its discretion, to have attorneys within the firm, or outside counsel, review Client's file to explore other potential causes of action Client may have against creditors.

i. RECEIPT OF MANDATORY NOTICE AND DISCLOSURE: The Bankruptcy Abuse and Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 requires Attorney to provide mandatory notices/disclosures to Client. Signatures on this contract shall be acknowledgment by Client that Client has received, read, and understood the two (2) separate documents entitled "§527(a) Notice," and "Important Information About Bankruptcy Assistance Services From An Attorney or Bankruptcy Petition Preparer."

IN WITNESS THEREOF, THE PARTIES hereto have set forth hands and seal in execution of this Agreement on:
4 APRIL 2018


SHIKARA D. WATFORD


STEPHEN A. CLARK, ATTORNEY AT LAW

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois**

In re **Shikara D Watford** Case No. _____
Debtor(s) Chapter **7**

VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX

Number of Creditors: **15**

The above-named Debtor(s) hereby verifies that the list of creditors is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Date: **April 9, 2018**

/s/ Shikara D Watford
Shikara D Watford
Signature of Debtor

Aurora Radiology Consultants-DeKalb
PO Box 5922
Hoffman Estates, IL 60179-5922

Barclays Bank Delaware
Attn: Correspondence
Po Box 8801
Wilmington, DE 19899

Blitt & Gaines PC
661 Glenn Ave
Wheeling, IL 60090

Capital One
15000 Capital One Dr
Richmond, VA 23238

Comenity Bank/Victoria Secret
Attn: Bankruptcy Dept
Po Box 182125
Columbus, OH 45318

Credit Management, LP
Attn: Bankruptcy
Po Box 118288
Carrollton, TX 75011

Dept of Ed / Navient
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